(MR. SPEAKER)

required. That is why I found that it was not possible to take up the question list today for answer. If the Hon'ble Members in the Opposition are under the impression that answers have not been received at all, I would like to brush aside that impression. I will get the details and place them before the House. I will only submit to the House that there is no lapse on the part of the Government. I am personally responsible for not taking up the question list in the first hour today because of the peculiar circumstances that have arisen.

Sri V. SRINIVASA SHETTY (Coondapur).—What my friend very anxiously wanted to submit was that the Government should be allowed only 15 days to send the replies. Our impression is that the Government are not only flouting the House, but flouting the Speaker. That is the impression created. A large number of questions are still pending before the House and we have gone on without any question hour for the last three days. We would like to know whether the Government have followed the rules and in how many cases they have not followed till now.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I will place the the whole information tomorrow.

Sri G. E. HOOVER (Chickpet).—Mr. Speaker, Sir, Good Friday fall on the 15th of this month. In this regard, I requested the Government even in 1958 with the support of many members of this House, but unfortunately, that year they said they had no time to declare a general holiday for that day. Last year also many of the Members supported this issue and the Chief Minister said that he would consider this matter. In the end he said he had no time. Good Friday is a very important day for Christians throughout the world. It is the day on which Christ died on the Cross and the whole world mourns on that day. Even the Central Government has declared it a general holiday. Even in Kerala, during two years' Communist rule, even though Communists do not believe in God, they declared Good Friday as a general holiday. In the Madras State also it is a holiday. On many an occasion the Government answered that they wanted go on par with Madras and other neighbouring States. But in this regard, they do not follow the neighbouring States. I earnestly request the Government and I also know that most of the members will support me, to declare Good Friday as a general holiday. I know the Government might come with a lame excuse and say that it is already a partial holiday and that there is no necessity of declaring a general holiday for Good Friday. But the Christians feel very bad about that because the inpression is that this Government is not at all considering this question in a proper way.

Even though the Central Government has declared this as a general holiday, this Government works on that day. I therefore request the Government to declare Good Friday as a general holiday.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—I will reply tomorrow. I will find out all the facts.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Sir, I do not wish to make a lengthy statement. We have a feeling, rather we feel depressed over the way in which the members' privileges are curtailed on the day of non-official business and the rights taken away by the Treasury Benches. We staged a walk-out yesterday and we know that throughout the State and beyond the State it has provoked a lot of unpleasantness. But we are helpless. It is entirely due to the Treasury Benches. In regard to the Karnataka Resolution, they tried to adopt dilatory tactics. We want to show our persistent protest. We want them to change their hearts. Till such time, we would like not to be associated with non-official business, particularly with regard to non-official resolutions. We propose to walk out of the House.

(At this stage, the Members of the Opposition withdrew from the House).

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